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HOMES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government run homes for destitute mentally retarded children presently operational in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the average occupancy rate in these homes;

(c) the details of treatment offered at these homes to improve their medical condition;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up more such homes in the near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations for setting up of Specialised Homes for children with Special Needs. Details of State/UT-wise number of Government run Specialised Homes for Special Needs children along with number of beneficiaries therein is annexed.

(c): ICPS provides for purchase of specialised equipments and materials like Psychological test materials, training materials for speech and language, teaching materials wheel chairs, crÃ¨ches, etc, Further, the Scheme also provides financial assistance towards specialised medical needs and one nurse and one caretaker cum vocational instructor for special need children.

(d) & (e): The setting up of new Homes are decided by the inter-ministerial Project Approval Board (PAB) constituted under ICPS to consider and approve the financial proposals received from the State Governments/UT Administrations, on the basis of need assessment carried out and requirement projected in the respective proposals.